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7 entries found for **stake**.**stake** Pronunciation Key (stāk)*n.*

1. A piece of wood or metal pointed at one end for driving into the ground as a marker, fence pole, or tent peg.
2.
 - a. A vertical post to which an offender is bound for execution by burning.
 - b. Execution by burning. Used with *the*: *condemned to the stake*.
3. A vertical post secured in a socket at the edge of a platform, as on a truck bed, to help retain the load.
4. Mormon Church. A territorial division consisting of a group of wards under the jurisdiction of a president.
5. Sports & Games.
 - a. Money or property risked in a wager or gambling game. Often used in the plural. See Synonyms at bet.
 - b. The prize awarded the winner of a contest or race.
 - c. A race offering a prize to the winner, especially a horserace in which the prize consists of money contributed equally by the horse owners.
6.
 - a. A share or an interest in an enterprise, especially a financial share.
 - b. Personal interest or involvement: *a stake in her children's future*.
7. A grubstake.

tr. v. **staked, stak-ing, stakes**

1.
 - a. To mark the location or limits of with or as if with stakes: *stake out a claim*.
 - b. To claim as one's own: *staked out a place for herself in industry*.
2. To fasten, secure, or support with a stake or stakes.
3. To tether or tie to a stake.
4. To gamble or risk; hazard.
5. To provide working capital for; finance.

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Phrasal Verb:
stake out

1. To assign (a police officer, for example) to an area to conduct surveillance.
2. To keep under surveillance.

Idiom:
at stake

At risk; in question.

[Middle English, from Old English *staca*.]

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\Stake\, n. (Mormon Ch.) A territorial division; -- called also stake of Zion.

Every city, or ``stake," including a chief town and surrounding towns, has its president, with two counselors; and this president has a high council of chosen men.

--Schaff-Herzog Encyc.

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stake

\Stake\, v. t. [imp. & p. p. Staked; p. pr. & vb. n. Staking.] 1. To fasten, support, or defend with stakes; as, to stake vines or plants.

2. To mark the limits of by stakes; -- with out; as, to stake out land; to stake out a new road.

3. To put at hazard upon the issue of competition, or upon a future contingency; to wager; to pledge.

I'll stake yon lamb, that near the fountain plays. --Pope.

4. To pierce or wound with a stake. --Spectator.

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\Stake\, n. [AS. staca, from the root of E. stick; akin to OFries. & LG. stake, D. staak, Sw. stake, Dan. stage. See Stick, v. t., and cf. Estacade, Stockade.] 1. A piece of wood, usually long and slender, pointed at one end so as to be easily driven into the ground as a support or stay; as, a stake to support vines, fences, hedges, etc.

A sharpened stake strong Dryas found. --Dryden.

2. A stick inserted upright in a lop, eye, or mortise, at the side or end of a cart, a flat car, or the like, to prevent goods from falling off.

3. The piece of timber to which a martyr was affixed to be burned; hence, martyrdom by fire.

4. A small anvil usually furnished with a tang to enter a hole in a bench top, -- used by tinsmiths, blacksmiths, etc., for light work, punching upon, etc.

5. That which is laid down as a wager; that which is staked or hazarded; a pledge.

At stake, in danger; hazarded; pledged. "I see my reputation is at stake." --Shak.

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stake

n 1: a right or legal share of something; a financial involvement with something; "they have interests all over the world"; "a stake in the company's future" [syn: interest] 2: a pole or stake set up to mark something (as the start of a race track) [syn: post] 3: a vertical post that a victim is tied to for execution by burning 4: the money risked on a gamble [syn: stakes, bet, wager] v 1: put at risk; "I will stake my good reputation for this" [syn: venture, hazard, adventure, jeopardize] 2: place a bet on; "Which horse are you backing?" "I'm betting on the new horse" [syn: bet on, back, gage, game, punt] 3: mark with a stake; "stake out the path" [syn: post] 4: tie or fasten to a stake; "stake your goat" 5: kill by piercing with a spear or sharp pole; "the enemies were impaled and left to die" [syn: impale]

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